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1. CONOFF INTERVIEWED REYES FAMILY ON JUNE 22 REGARDING THE WELLBEING AND CUSTODY STATUS OF KATHLEEN NICHOLS AND HAS SO FAR UNSUCCESSFULLY ATTEMPTED TO CONTACT THE MAGISTRATE INVOLVED. THE REYES FAMILY RELATED A SITUATION WHICH DIFFERS SOMEWHAT FROM THAT PROVIDED IN OUR LAST CABLE.

2. REYES STATED THAT KATHLEEN HAS RESIDED WITH THEM FOR LAST EIGHT YEARS AND THAT MR. NICHOLS RETURNS ABOUT ONCE A YEAR TO VISIT CHILD. IN DECEMBER 1975, ACCORDING TO REYES, MR. NICHOLS, WHO SUFFERED FROM AN ALCOHOL PROBLEM, RETURNED TO CHILE AND TOOK THE CHILD OUT OF THEIR HOME. A MAGISTRATE INTERVENED AFTER NICHOLS ALLEGEDLY MIS-TREATED THE CHILD, GRANTING REYES' "CUSTODY" OF THE CHILD BECAUSE KATHLEEN STATED SHE DID NOT WANT TO RETURN TO THE U.S. WITH HER FATHER. NO CUSTODY DECREE EXISTS.

3. REYES STATED THAT KATHLEEN NICHOLS MAY LEAVE TO REJOIN FATHER WHENEVER SHE PLEASES AND THAT VISITS BY MRS. NICHOLS HAVE NOT BEEN INTERFERED WITH. MR. AND MRS. REYES ARE BRINGING KATHLEEN TO THE CONSULATE NEXT
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WEEK. THE REYES FAMILY ARE DISTURBED DUE TO FACT THAT MR. NICHOLS LEFT THEM TO BRING UP KATHLEEN EIGHT YEARS AGO WHEN HE LEFT CHILE DUE TO MRS. NICHOLS' MENTAL ILLNESS AND OTHER PROBLEMS.

4. AS IT APPEARS MRS. NICHOLS IS WILLING AND ABLE TO LEAVE CHILE AND THERE IS NO LEGAL BAR TO KATHLEEN'S

DEPARTURE, WE WILL CONTINUE PROCESSING IR VISA FOR MRS. NICHOLS AND ATTEMPT TO SECURE PROPER DOCUMENTATION TO PROVIDE KATHLEEN WITH A US PASPORT. KATHLEEN NICHOLS APPARENTLY SUFFERS FROM FOOT PROBLEMS WHICH CAUSE HER BACKACHES BUT OTHERWISE SHOULD CERTAINLY BE ABLE TO TRAVEL VIA COMMERCIAL AIRLINES WITH MOTHER. THE IV PETITION INSTRUCTIONS HAVE BEEN SENT TO MR. NICHOLS BUT POST UNDERSTANDS MOTHER AND FATHER WOULD NEED SOME ASSISTANCE FROM MR. NICHOLS FOR AIR PASSAGES.

5. MRS. NICHOLS, AS REPORTED PREVIOUSLY, WANTS TO TRAVEL WHETHER OR NOT ACCOMPANIED BY DAUGHTER. WE WILL REPORT ON KATHLEEN'S PREFERENCES AFTER FORTHCOMING INTERVIEW. UNDERSTAND KATHLEEN MAY WANT TO REMAIN WITH REYES FAMILY, WHO RESIDE AT TEGUALDA 342. VICUNA MACKENNA, PARADERO 26, PUENTE ALTO, CHILE. BOYATT

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